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Re: Comments on draft Repository Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
and draft Nevada Rail Corridor/Alignment Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Summerson and Mr. Bishop,

In my comments to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) draft Repository Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and draft Nevada Rail Corridor/Alignment Environmental Impact Statement, I point out several issues of concern regarding both documents that should be addressed by the DOE in the course of developing both Final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS).

- 1 [The risky, unstable Yucca Mountain site is unacceptable for use as a nuclear waste repository due to the geological fault lines that run through and near the Yucca Mountain area. This could cause a serious adverse impact on the land and limited drinking water supply in this part of the southwest.] ... continued below
 - 2 [Storing nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain will have devastating impacts to the cultural resources of the local Native American tribes. Yucca Mountain has been a sacred and beloved site for centuries and continues to be in the present. The Timbisha tribe and other Western Shoshone tribes have performed spring renewal ceremonies on Yucca Mountain since ancient times and still do so today on the western land they can still access.
- The draft SEIS fails to address the ongoing dispute and litigation involving the violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley with the Western Shoshone by the United States, which clearly defines territorial borders for their nation of Newe Sogobia as well outside the proposed land withdrawal. This treaty was ratified by Congress and is "the supreme law of the land" as stated in the United States Constitution. In addition, the United Nations Committee to End Racial Discrimination, that works to stop environmental injustice, declared in April of 2004 that the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Repository is one of several ongoing serious human rights violations by the United States against the Western Shoshone Nation.]
- 1 [Transporting high level nuclear waste across the country to Yucca Mountain poses a significant threat of accidents or terrorist attacks and will endanger the health of our people and communities. Existing nuclear waste should be stored on site in retrievable casks and carefully monitored. No

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new nuclear waste should be produced. The United States must lead the world to global nuclear disarmament living up to its Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty obligations. Again, "the supreme law of the land".

A nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain creates a false sense of security for using nuclear energy which is far too dangerous and expensive. Instead, we need to develop and implement safe, sustainable, renewable alternative energy sources, the real solution to global warming.

The research on this site clearly shows that storing nuclear waste in this area is not safe, legal or ethical. Do not proceed with this project. I strongly oppose Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository. J

Sincerely,

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